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**CHAPTER 0240-2-7  
RESIDENCE HALL VISITATION POLICY**

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**0240-2-7-.01 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for residence hall visitation policies and procedures of universities in the State University and Community College System of Tennessee.

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**0240-2-7-.02 DEFINITIONS.** For purposes of this policy, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) “Residence hall” means any dormitory building, apartment, or other facility owned or operated by a university to provide housing accommodations for students, but does not include married student housing facilities.
- (2) “Residence hall visitation” means the visitation by visitors of the opposite sex with residents in residence halls.
- (3) “Open house” means the opening of student residence halls for invited visitors at times specifically connected to and associated with special campuswide festivities observed by the university.
- (4) “Resident” means any student residing in a residence hall.
- (5) “Visitor” means any person invited by a resident to visit in a residence hall.

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**0240-2-7-.03 VISITATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.**

- (1) Residence hall visitation may only be permitted in connection with open house activities or pursuant to regularly established visitation policies of an institution.
- (2) Open house hours, procedures, and supervision shall be carefully and specifically planned with regard to overall campus festivities. Visitors may be permitted in residence halls pursuant to the institution’s policy for open house visitation, which may supersede the regular residence hall visitation regulations in effect at other times.
- (3) Each institution shall develop and recommend appropriate policies and procedures for and schedules of residence hall visitation, subject to approval of the Committee on Student Life and the Board. Visitation privileges should be developed in accordance with the nature and suitability of residence halls for visitation. Differential housing regulations, elections by residents of residence halls, and/or other methods should be developed to accommodate to the maximum extent practicable the varying

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interests of students, who request it should be provided with an opportunity to reside in a residence hall or portion thereof without a visitation program if possible.

- (4) In the development of residence hall visitation policies and procedures, each institution shall give due consideration to the privacy rights of all students, and should ensure that visitation practices do not adversely affect students who choose not to participate in visitation privileges. In no event should visitation be permitted in any student room or suite without the consent of all resident occupants of that room or suite.
- (5) Each institution shall develop policies and procedures which ensure to the maximum extent possible the safety of all residents and visitors in residence halls. Such policies and procedures should include measures to prevent unauthorized persons from having access to student residence halls, and to require the monitoring by the resident host of all persons entering residence halls for purposes of visiting the resident.
- (6) Clearly planned and communicated regulations, guidelines, and procedures for the administration of visitation programs shall be with the necessary resources to ensure compliance with regulations, guidelines and procedures, and to enforce regulations concerning the conduct of students and visitors in residence halls.

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